D.C. Couple Sues CIA for $12 Million

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A District of Columbia couple has filed a $12 million damage suit against the Central Intelligence Agency Agency, the Fairfax City police department and several of their agents and officers charging they illegally spied on and broke into their photo studio in Fairfax City in 1971.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington by Orlando Nunez and his wife, Deborah Fitzgerald, claims the couple was subject to libel and defamation of character because the CIA never explained why they were investigated, according to their attorney, Ely Hurwitz.

A report of the Rockefeller commission, which was investigating CIA activities, disclosed last June that three Fairfax City policemen stood watch at the order of their chief during a CIA break-in at the couple's business, Roland Studios, 10419 Main St., Fairfax City.